

# **MEDICAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES**

July 30, 2004

The Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) teleconference meeting held at the Bureau of Licensure and Certification, 1550 East College Parkway, Suite 158, Carson City, Nevada, was called to order by Dr. Karen Carifo, Co-Chairman, at 2:35 p.m. on July 30, 2004

Nancy Janess took roll and noted that we had a quorum.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen F. Carifo, Ph.D.  
Stacey Lynne Garry, M.D.  
Edwin C. Kingsley, M.D.  
Jill Brown, MT (ASCP)  
Sandra Kurtz, MT (ASCP)  
Bradford H. Lee, M.D., State Health Officer

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Cynthia Mastick, Ph.D.  
Susan A. Doberneck, M.D.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Jerry Reeves, M.D., State Board of Health Member  
Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General  
Pamela Graham, BLC Bureau Chief  
Vickie J. Estes, Health Facilities Surveyor III  
David P. Marmaduke, M.D.  
Dave Powning, Laboratory Surveyor  
Evelyn Sayre, Health Facilities Surveyor II  
Nancy Janess, Administrative Assistant II

**1. Approval of Minutes:** Dr. Garry made a motion, which was seconded by Sandra Kurtz to approve the minutes of January 30, 2004 as presented. The motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2. Discussion and Recommendation to the Board of Health to appoint a Pathologist to a first term on the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) pursuant to NRS 652.170 (4)(a).** Dr. Garry highly recommends David P. Marmaduke, M.D., Pathologist, an outstanding pathologist, as a member of this committee. He is now the interim director of the lab at Sunrise Hospital. He provided his Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the agenda packet. Per the requirements listed in NRS 652.170 (4)(a), Dr. Marmaduke does qualify. Dr. Garry had previously nominated Dr. Brad Karon as her replacement on this Committee when her second term expires November 16, 2004. However, since the last meeting, Dr. Karon accepted a position at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. Garry made a motion, which was seconded by Jill Brown, that Dr. Marmaduke be recommended to the Board of Health to serve on the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) per NRS 652.170 (4)(a) for the first term. The motion passed unanimously. This recommendation will be presented to the Board of Health meeting to be held August 27, 2004 for their approval.

**3, 4, 5. Committee review and approval of Glen Owen Ford, Benjamin Poon, and Renee Ingham applications for certification as Specialty Technician Biotechnicians NAC 652.485(1).** Karen Carifo asked Linda Anderson if these three items could be combined. She responded in the affirmative. All three applicants are certified by the Board of Cardiovascular Perfusionists. Dr. Garry made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Kingsley that the committee approve the applications of Glen Owen Ford, Benjamin Poon, and Renee Ingham as Specialty Technician Biotechnicians. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Review of revised regulations NAC 652 Medical Laboratories.**

Dave Powning presented the regulation changes which were approved by the Board of Health on June 25, 2004, and will go into effect the date the Secretary of State signs them. Vickie Estes thanked the committee for their groundwork over several years to help determine the needed changes. There was a request to summarize the major changes. They are:

- a. General Supervisor's (GS) experience requirement will be reduced from six years to three years.
- b. GS applicants with Master's degrees requirement will be reduced to two years experience, and Ph.D.'s will be accepted as general supervisors with one year of experience.
- c. Nurse practitioners and physician's assistants in a private practice will be able to do microscopic tests such as wet preps in exempt labs.
- d. A regulation was developed for the revocation of certificates similar to the statutory wording for licenses.
- e. Added two Ph.D. board certifications acceptable for laboratory directors (American Board of Medical Genetics, and the American Board of Forensic Toxicology).
- f. Slight increase in fees for laboratory changes (director, location, name, additional tests) from \$160 to \$250, to be consistent with the legislative requirement that fees reflect workload.
- g. Personnel with lapsed certification now have up to five years to reinstate without requiring new transcripts and letters from employers.
- h. LCB removed dentists from medical laboratory regulations because they are not physicians in statute.
- i. Removed part time status definition from regulations
- j. Removed NAC 652.420(2)(d) for Clinical laboratory technologists due to the provision for 4 years experience which was confusing to people.
- k. Clarification of the different laboratory certificates available (NAC 652.155).
- l. Appropriate experience before taking the national exam will be accepted for technologists applying for general supervisor.

Vickie and Pam thanked everyone who had worked so hard on the updating of these regulations.

There was no public comment.

While Dr. Garry's membership does not expire until November, she took this opportunity to say that she enjoyed being on this committee and appreciated the opportunity to serve.

There being no further business, Dr. Garry made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Kingsley in favor of the meeting being adjourned. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.